

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
May 17, 2021
185 Spring Avenue**

I. Call to Order

President Ward called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Commissioners

Upon roll call, those answering present were Commissioners Cornell, Ward, Stortz, Bischoff, Nephew, and President Durham. Commissioner Weber arrived at 7:40 p.m. Commissioner Ward departed at 7:45 and reentered at 9:00 p.m.

Staff members present were Executive Director Harris, Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Cinquegrani, Superintendent Troia and Superintendent Miller

III. Pledge of Allegiance

President Durham led the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Changes to the Agenda

None.

V. Recognition of Dance and Theatre Instructors

Chad Shingler, Manager of Sunset Pool and Cultural Arts, recognized Marissa Banker, James Demeny and Anastasia Aubie for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to the Park District Dance and Theatre program including instructional classes and theatre productions. All three individuals have a different skill set in fine arts that provides the community with a variety of dance, theatre, and performance opportunities.

Marissa Banker serves as the Cultural Arts Coordinator, as well as a dance instructor, teaching most of the Park District Dance Academy classes. She has taken a significant role in coordinating this year's dance recital, including selecting costumes, songs and putting together the order of show. Marissa is always patient, very knowledgeable and consistently strives to make sure her participants are engaged, learning and excited to return to class each week. She also serves as a leader for other dance instructors, including our Jr. Dance Instructors, who some of them, this is their first job.

James Demeny primarily teaches youth acting classes and camps but has made huge strides in creating and implementing an adult tap class which has grown to seven participants since beginning in January. James has a positive demeanor and creates a safe and fun learning environment. James will be hosting a musical theatre boot camp this summer and has a good following of participants.

Anastasia Aubie works in many roles within the Park District, but most recently served as stage manager and makeup designer for Seussical Jr. Anastasia worked patiently with each actor as many had different makeup and some more detailed and took longer than others. While working on the show, Anastasia

was a constant leader backstage ensuring that everything went smooth, including scene transition and prop handoffs.

Providing theatre, dance and creative arts is very valuable and with the help of Marissa, James, and Anastasia we plan to continue creating and implementing opportunities for the residents of our community. All three individuals have a very positive outlook and approach and strive to provide the highest quality programming they can that allows participants the opportunity to learn and experiment in a safe and nurturing environment. Each of their roles have changed with the continuous growing interest in the theatre program; and while they have done more than the initial scope of work they were hired for, they continue to take pride in the work they produce and know what it takes to put a class, camp, or production together.

The Board of Commissioners expressed their appreciation of the staff's efforts and were highly complementary of all the efforts expended towards cultural arts. They are quite excited to see and witness the continued growth of the department

VI. Public Participation

None.

VII. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Cornell moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to approve the Consent Agenda including the Voucher List of Bills totaling \$298,840.19, the April 19, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes and the May 3, 2022, Workshop Meeting minutes.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Cornell, Ward, Stortz, Bischoff, Stortz, Nephew and President Durham

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

VIII. Election of Officers

President

Commissioner Ward nominated President Durham for the Office of President. Commissioner Cornell seconded the nomination.

Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Cornell, to close the nominations.

Motion Carried.

Vote to re- elect President Durham as President of the Board.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Ward, Cornell, Stortz, Bischoff, Nephew, and Durham

Nay: None.

Motion Carried.

Vice President

Commissioner Cornell nominated Vice – President Nephew for the Office of Vice President.
Commissioner Ward seconded the nomination.

Commissioner Cornell moved, seconded by Commissioner Stortz to close the nominations.
Motion Carried.

Vote to re- elect Commissioner Nephew as Vice President of the Board.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Cornell, Stortz, Ward, Bischoff, Nephew, and
President Durham
Nay: None.*

Motion Carried.

Treasurer

Commissioner Nephew nominated Commissioner Cornell for the Office of Treasurer.
Commissioner Ward seconded the nomination.

Commissioner Bischoff moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to close the nominations.
Motion Carried.

Vote to re-elect Commissioner Cornell as Treasurer of the Board.

*Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Bischoff, Ward, Cornell, Stortz, Nephew, Weber, and
President Durham
Nay: None.*

Motion Carried.

Executive Director

Commissioner Cornell moved, seconded by Commissioner Nephew to appoint Dave Harris as Executive Director.

Motion Carried.

Board Secretary

Commissioner Cornell moved, seconded by Commissioner Bischoff to appoint Dave Harris as Board Secretary.

Motion Carried.

WDSRA Representative

Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Bischoff, to appoint Dave Harris as the WDSRA representative.

Motion Carried.

Law Firm

Commissioner Nephew moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to appoint Ancel Glink as the Park District law firm.

Motion Carried.

GEPD Citizens' Finance Committee Liaisons (Commissioners Nephew & Bischoff current)
Following discussion, Commissioners Ward and Bischoff will be serving on the Citizens' Finance Committee.

Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center Advisory Committee Co-Chairs (Commissioners Stortz & Weber)
Commissioners Stortz and Weber would remain on the Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center Advisory Committee.

GEPD Athletic Advisory Committee Co-Chairs (Commissioner Stortz, Weber & Bischoff)
Commissioners Stortz and Weber will remain as Co-Chairs on the GEPD Athletic Advisory Committee.

GEPD Citizens' Environmental Advisory Committee Co-Chairs (Commissioners Cornell & Nephew)
Commissioners Cornell and Nephew will continue to serve as Co-Chairs on the GEPD Citizen's Environmental Advisory Committee.

Friends of GEPD Foundation Liaison(s) (Commissioner Cornell & Bischoff)
Commissioners Cornell and Bischoff will remain as a liaisons of the Friends of Glen Ellyn Parks Foundation

IX. Unfinished Business

A. Referendum

Kari-Lyn Krafthefer, attorney with Ancel Glink provided an overview of protocol for Board and employees participation and efforts regarding the District referendum. A brief power point presentation was presented. Questions and inquiries were raised by both the Board Commissioners and staff.

Executive Director Harris followed with an update regarding the District's efforts to further educate and inform our constituents.

B. Newton Park Playground Payout Request #3

Superintendent Troia Newton Park reminded the Board that the District was awarded an OSLAD Grant for site-wide improvements from a master plan. The playground was one of those components and is being approached as the first phase of construction. The scope of work includes the installation of owner-purchased play equipment, concrete sidewalks, benches, tables, bike racks, and a small shade structure.

Included in the Board packet is payout request #3 for the Newton Playground Park Improvements in the amount of \$31,340.10. This is the third payout from Hacienda Landscaping, Inc., who is the general contractor for this project.

The total contract amount is \$196,061. Previous payments total \$151,920. The Balance to finish, including retainage is \$12,800.

This payout represents the work completed from thru May 3. To date, the project is approximately 100% complete, with playground, concrete, shade sail, and site furniture installed. The Little Tikes spinner arrived and will be installed in the next two weeks.

Glen Ellyn Park District staff installed sensory garden planting in the first week of May. The playground was opened by Saturday April 30th and has been enjoyed by all.

Commissioner Bischoff moved, seconded by Commissioner Weber, to approve payout request #3 from Hacienda Landscaping, Inc. for the Newton Park Playground in the amount of \$31, 340.10

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Bischoff, Weber, Cornell, Ward, Stortz, Nephew, and President Durham
Nay: None

Motion Carried.

X. Staff Reports

A. Finance Report (For Information Only)

B. Staff Reports

Superintendent Miller reminded the Board that Sunset Pool and the SpashPad will be opening the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. The facilities are nearly ready to go and staff training is ongoing. Also, Holes and Knolls remains open on the weekends. Finally, the District will be hosting a One-Mile race around Lake Ellyn this fall. Superintendent Troia provided an update regarding the outdoor education and restoration efforts.

XI. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Stortz inquired about the mowing and length of turf specifically regarding baseball and softball fields. Commissioner Bischoff was very supportive and complimentary of the District's recent focus and attention regarding theater and cultural art opportunities. District's Commissioner Cornell was also very complimentary of the District's effort regarding cultural arts and was excited about the various adult dance classes. President Durham followed up Commissioner Stortz regarding the length of the grass on the soccer fields but also understood that the area has experienced an extraordinary amount of rain this spring. He concluded expressing his excitement for the Glen Ellyn One-Mile run in the fall!

XII. Adjourn to Executive Session

At 9:15 p.m. Commissioner Stortz moved, seconded by Commissioner Bischoff to convene into Executive Session under Section 2 (c) 6 of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of setting a price for the sale or lease of property owned by the District

XIII. Reconvene to Open Session

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:15p.m.

XV. Adjourn

There being no further business, Commissioner Stortz moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:16 p.m.

Roll Call: Aye: Commissioners Stortz, Ward, Cornell, Weber, Bischoff, Nephew, and President Durham
Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Harris
Board Secretary